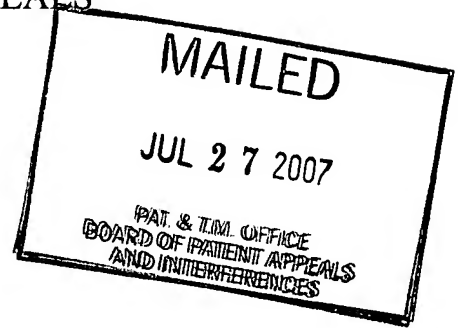


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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS  
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Ex parte HANS-PETER BRAUN

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Application No. 10/782,834  
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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

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This application was received electronically at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on July 21, 2007. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matter requiring attention prior to docketing is identified below:

On March 24, 2006, an Examiner's Answer was entered into the record. On page 3 of the examiner's answer, the examiner incorporated a prior Office action mailed on April 5, 2005 into the examiner's answer. MPEP § 1207.02 states in part:

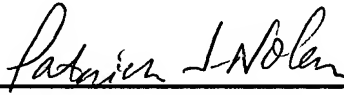
. . . An examiner's answer should not refer, either directly or indirectly, to any prior Office action without fully restating the point relied on in the answer...

Accordingly, it is

**ORDERED** that the application is returned to the Examiner:

- 1) to provide a complete statement in the grounds of rejection; and
- 2) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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